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Benefits Identification Card: Psychiatric Drugs Exclusion

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2003, claims including the following psychiatric drugs <u>do not</u> require an issue date and may be billed with either the recipient's Social Security Number or BIC ID number:

Amantadine HCl

Amitriptyline HCl

Aripiprazole

Benztropine Mesylate

Biperiden HCl

Burropion HCl

Bupropion HCl Mirtazapine **Buspirone HCl** Molindone HCl Carbamazepine Nefazodone HCl Chlorpromazine HCl Olanzapine Citalopram Hydrobromide Oxcarbazepine Clomipramine HCl Paroxetine HCl Clonidine HCl Perphenazine Clozapine Phenelzine Desipramine HCl Pimozide

Diphenhydramine HCl Quetiapine Fumarate

Divalproex Sodium Risperidone

Donepezil HCl Rivastigmine Tartrate

Doxepin HCl Sertraline HCl
Escitalopram Oxalate Thioridazine HCl
Fluoxetine HCl Thiothixene
Fluphenazine Decanoate Topiramate
Fluphenazine HCl Tranylcypromine
Fluvoxamine Maleate Trazodone HCl
Gabapentin Trifluoperazine HCl

Haloperidol Trihexyphenidyl HCl
Haloperidol Decanoate Valproate Sodium
Haloperidol Lactate Valproic Acid
Hydroxyzine HCl Venlafaxine HCl
Imipramine HCl Ziprasidone HCl

Isocarboxazid

to issue replacement Medi-Cal Benefits Identification Cards (BICs) in an ongoing effort to nullify BICs that may have been stolen or misused. As a general safeguard, there <u>is</u> a claims payment requirement when determining recipient eligibility for use of all but select drugs and services. This claims payment requirement was outlined in the July 2003 *Medi-Cal Update* in an article titled "Benefits Identification Card: Billing Reminder" and is repeated as follows.

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When verifying eligibility for recipients who receive new cards, the Automated Eligibility Verification System (AEVS) will return the eligibility message, "For claims payment, current BIC ID number and date of issue required." Providers must have and use the BIC ID number and issue date from the new card when verifying recipient eligibility. All but excluded providers must have and use the BIC ID number and issue date from the new card when submitting claims for reimbursement. If the BIC ID number and issue date of the new card are not on the claim for recipients whose card returns the message, "Current BIC ID number and issue date required for payment," the claim will be denied.

The following provider types are not required to provide an issue date on the claim and may bill with either the recipient's Social Security Number or BIC ID number: Emergency Air Ambulance Transportation, Alternative Birthing Centers, Community Hospital Inpatient, Community Hospital Outpatient, County Hospital Inpatient, County Hospital Outpatient, Genetic Disease Testing, Emergency Ground Transportation, Certified Hospice, Long Term Care Facility and Mental Health Inpatient. For all other provider types, the ID number and issue date of the card must be placed on all claims, as follows:

- **Paper Claims:** Enter the BIC ID number in the *Insured's ID Number* field (Box 1A). Enter the issue date in the *Reserved For Local Use* field (Box 19) of the claim. Identify the issue date in the "mmddyy" format.
- **CALPOS Pharmacy Claims:** Enter the BIC ID number in the *Recipient ID* field. The issue date must be placed in the *Issue Date* field per the current *Medi-Cal Point of Service Network Interface Specifications* for CALPOS pharmacy claims.
- Computer Media Claims (CMC): Enter the BIC ID number in the *Recipient ID* field. The BIC issue date must be placed in the *Remarks* area. Left-justify and enter the words "BIC ISSUE DATE" and identify the issue date in the "mmddyy" format.

For assistance with eligibility, the Automated Eligibility Verification System (AEVS), Point of Service (POS) device or Medi-Cal Web site, www.medi-cal.ca.gov, call the POS/Internet Help Desk at 1-800-427-1295. If illegal use of a BIC is suspected, or if there are questions about this policy, call the Provider Support Center (PSC) at 1-800-541-5555.



Use of Modifiers: Billing Reminder

Up to four two-character modifiers may be entered in the modifier field, Box 24D of the *HCFA 1500*. All modifiers must be entered immediately after the procedure code. Information that overflows into other fields (especially additional modifier fields) will cause the claim to suspend and a *Resubmission Turnaround Document* (RTD) will be issued.

Specific modifiers identified in the billing instructions should be entered in the first modifier field.

When providers bill multiple modifiers for a service <u>not</u> specified in the Medi-Cal billing instructions as needing multiple modifiers, providers must follow existing Medi-Cal policy and enter the specific modifier in the first modifier field. If the billing instructions require a service to be billed with a specified modifier, that modifier must be entered in the first field.



CHDP Gateway: Pre-Enrollment Reminder

Since July 1, 2003, Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program providers have been able to pre-enroll children in the Medi-Cal program using the new *Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program Pre-Enrollment Application* (DHS 4073, revised 7/03) either on the Medi-Cal Web site (www.medi-cal.ca.gov) or through the Point of Service (POS) network. Children younger than 19 years of age who are pre-enrolled in Medi-Cal at the time of a CHDP health assessment are eligible to receive either full-scope, no-cost Medi-Cal benefits and dental coverage or CHDP and emergency Medi-Cal services for up to two months.

During a child's CHDP health assessment visit, a provider electronically submits pre-enrollment information and receives an immediate response indicating the child's eligibility status. An eligible child will receive coverage for up to two months (during the month of application and the subsequent month).

If a child is eligible for Medi-Cal benefits, a Benefits Identification Card (BIC) number is included in the eligibility response and the provider prints an Immediate Need Eligibility Document for the child from the Web site or POS device.

Any Medi-Cal provider can provide service to children presenting one of the documents below. Use the BIC number that appears on the document to verify eligibility for services such as office visits, optometric exams or prescriptions.



Sample. Immediate Need Eligibility Document via Medi-Cal Web site.



Sample. Immediate Need Eligibility Document via POS device.

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CHDP (continued)

Provider Assistance

For questions regarding POS or Internet requirements, contact the POS/Internet Help Desk at 1-800-427-1295, seven days a week, from 6 a.m. to midnight.

Please refer to the Medi-Cal Web site (<u>www.medi-cal.ca.gov</u>) for more information about the CHDP program. Providers who are interested in becoming CHDP providers can contact their local CHDP program. Please visit <u>www.dhs.ca.gov/chdp</u> for a list of local CHDP programs.

Medi-Cal Field Office: Address Change

Effective September 22, 2003, the San Francisco Medi-Cal Field Office address has changed, as follows:

San Francisco Medi-Cal Field Office (SFMCFO) 575 Market Street, Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94105-2823

All telephone numbers remain the same. *Treatment Authorization Requests* (TARs) formerly sent to 185 Berry Street, Suite 290, should be sent to the new address.

This information is reflected on manual replacement page tar field 9 (*Part* 2).

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^{*} Pages updated/corrected due to ongoing provider manual revisions.